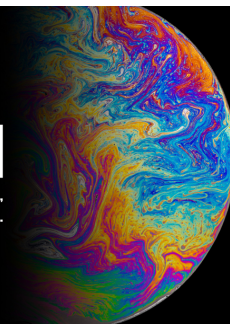


REVELATION

RENOVATE. RENEW. RECLAIM.
RECREATE. RECYCLE AND REUSE.



Revelation - Start at Home : Ephesus

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We have all heard the phrases such as “There’s no place like home” and “Home is where the heart is”. These phrases reflect the fact that much of our living starts at home. As John begins his summary of the seven churches in Revelation, he begins with the home church of Ephesus, which was the center of culture and society of the time.

“Now write down everything you see: things that are, things about to be.” -Revelation 1:17 (MSG)

Read Revelation 2:1-7 (Message). Jesus is saying to the busy church at Ephesus:

- Keep first things first.

1. What is your response to this phrase to “keep first things first”?

- Listen up.

Revelation 1:3

2. Are you too busy doing good works to listen to what God is saying to us?

3. How can you really listen to what God is saying to you?

- Busy is not blessed.

Revelation 2:2-3

4. How do you tell the difference between being busy with good stuff and being busy with God stuff?

5. How can busyness interfere with our intimacy with Jesus?

- Reclaim your first love.

Revelation 2:4-5

- Remember how it was when you first met Jesus.

- Repent by turning away from busyness.

- Return to the main thing - Jesus

6. Give an example from your own life of remember, repent, and return.

7. Which of the above do you need to engage to reclaim your first love?

Family Connect Discussion Starter:

Discuss what it means to “keep first things first”. Talk about ways your family can put God first.